



JOHANNESBURG DAY BY DAY

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THE ORPHANAGE CELEBRATION.

On Wednesday evening last there was a very large attendance of the local Jewish community as well as quite a number from the Rand towns at the prize distribution, concert and dance which followed the holding of the Chanukah service at Arcadia. An elaborate programme of no less than ten items had been prepared and printed, the first of which was the rendering of the Chanukah services by Chief Cantor Pincasovitch and his choir from the Park Synagogue. After the kindling of the four candles (it was the fourth night of Chanukah) the usual hymn identified with the celebration of the Feast was sung.

Then followed an address by the President, Mr. W. Hillman, who pointed out to the five lads who were Barmitzvah that from that date they were responsible for themselves. Up to then the Orphanage Committee had accepted the responsibility, but from that time onwards they were religiously of age, and consequently it was their duty to remember their Jewish obligations and to carry them out to the full. Proceeding, Mr. Hillman dwelt upon the pleasure the committee experienced at the presence of Mr. Isidore Haymann, who had done so much and contributed so largely to the welfare of the Orphanage.

After the evening service had been recited by Cantor Pincasovitch and his choir, Mr. Kaumheimer, the Vice-President, addressed the gathering, in the course of which he said that he congratulated most heartily the five boys who were this evening celebrating their Barmitzvah. He trusted that they would put their minds to their studies and work in whatever trade or profession they decided to enter, so as to be a credit to themselves and "Arcadia," which had been their home for so long. He trusted that they would always have before them the ideal of being a good Jew, and as a consequence a good citizen, for a good Jew always made a good citizen. Proceeding, Mr. Kaumheimer expressed the thanks of the committee and children to those who had participated in making the occasion such a success, to Mrs. W. Hillman for giving the presents to the Barmitzvah boys and to Mrs. Mendelsohn for distributing the prizes to the successful students.

In the absence of the Chief Rabbi the Rev. E. Levy, Minister of the Durban Hebrew Congregation, addressed the gathering. Speaking of the Chanukah festival he said he had no doubt that

the Johannesburg Jewish boys and girls knew more about their history and religion than other towns.

Then followed the speeches by the Barmitzvah boys, and it was interesting to note that the dual languages of this country, together with the languages most used by Jews, were all employed. For instance, N. Finestone spoke first in Hebrew and was followed by C. Steiner in Yiddish; then B. Cornik addressed the gathering in English and G. Ebedes spoke in Afrikaans. After these youngsters had received their gifts from Mrs. Hillman, Mrs. Mendelsohn presented the prizes to the successful students, while Mr. Moss Morris, the honorary secretary, announced the names of the winners.

After an interval for refreshment which was served in the committee room, the assembly hall was cleared for dancing which was indulged in until a late hour. During the evening several interesting items were presented by the children, and a most successful occasion was brought to a happy conclusion.

Dealing with the question of the orphanage it is interesting to note that this is continually growing, and especially of late. During the past few months the applications for admission have gradually increased so that to-day there are close upon two hundred children as compared with one hundred and eighty a few months ago. Whilst no child is refused admission on the ground of wanting accommodation, this increase in the number necessitates a great increase in expenditure, and it is therefore necessary for the Jewish public to contribute more largely. Unfortunately, the revenue from donations has recently greatly fallen off, and this is seriously affecting the funds. The committee trust that the community will enable them to continue to supply the orphans with every need and requirement.

JEWISH PROGRESS IN GERMISTON.

The growth of the Jewish community in Germiston has made the local Synagogue too small, and the committee of the congregation are desirous of building larger premises. Accordingly representations were made to the Lands Department with a view to securing a vacant piece of ground at the south of President Street, adjoining the municipal compound, to be utilised for a synagogue and communal hall. The ground is the property of the Government, and was reserved as a site for a police barracks when the township was

laid out. One of the officials expressed the view that the probable expansion of Germiston might be a factor against the selling of any Government ground. This, however, was for the Government to decide. A deputation from the Jewish congregation is to visit the Minister of Lands in the above connection. On Thursday Mr. George Brown, M.L.A., accompanied by Messrs. B. Goodman, S. Kramer and J. Sacke and some officials of the Lands Department and the Government District Engineer, made a tour of certain buildings and Government lands, and we understand were impressed with several possibilities. It is interesting to note that it is some twenty-five years since the present Synagogue in High Road was built, and it is not surprising that it has become too small after the passage of a quarter of a century.

THE RAND PIONEERS.

The feature of the charming function held under the auspices of the Rand Pioneers on Monday evening last in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Association was the eloquent speech delivered by His Honour the Administrator. Responding to the toast of South Africa, Mr. Hofmeyr said that it was the eighth time he had spoken to the toast in the space of two months—and repetition made for longwindedness, and longwindedness was a weariness to the flesh. As a University professor he had often been entertained in the city—and there were those who said that to become a University professor was the last infirmity of noble minds. To become an Administrator, however, was perhaps still a lower infirmity, even if not associated with noble minds. But yet it was not so low as to be forecast as the High Commissioner in London! "I do not think," went on Mr. Hofmeyr, "that there has been growing up of recent years a better understanding in South Africa of the mining industry. We can acclaim that. The mining industry has done a lot for us—and I regret only that it has not improved for us the Main Reef Road." The mining industry in the past had inclined to be pessimistic. To-day it was inclined to be optimistic. That was perhaps not altogether a good thing, and it would be the correct economic policy to-day to encourage the

primary productions. Agriculture depended on mining, and mining depended equally on agriculture. Passing over the days of the earlier settlers in the country and of the Voortrekkers, the Administrator said to the pioneers of the Rand: "You came here to seek your fortune. Some few found it. Some fell by the wayside. Most of you had to modify your ambitions. But at least you founded the mining industry, and you founded Johannesburg—and that is to your imperishable glory." Other speeches made were those of Mr. Douglas Christopherson, C.B.E., Sir William and Lady Dalrymple, His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Seals-Wood, Senator Tucker, and Mr. H. J. Hofmeyr, whose witty and amusing remarks were listened to with keen delight. A charming musical programme added to the interest attaching to the occasion, and those responsible for the programme are to be heartily congratulated on the success achieved.

JOHANNESBURG'S NEW CINEMA.

The opening of the new Astoria Kinema on Friday evening was apparently of great interest to the members of the Jewish community, for, numerically as well as influentially, they provided the major portion of the audience who were able to get in. More than a thousand people were unable to gain admission, and this fact says well for the future success of the latest addition to Johannesburg bioscopic amenities.

For the occasion the directors of Kinema Limited had produced a charming souvenir programme, which was interestingly illustrated with photographs of the directors, management, architect and orchestra. The main picture presented was the Somme Campaign of the Great War, which was replete with thrills and very interesting in its detail. The scenes of the first attack on July 1 are followed with a full account of the drama which was played until the terrible tragedy of Delville Wood, in which is shown the wonderful strength of the South Africans who fought through those terrible days and nights with such heroism and indomitable spirit.

Prior to the performance Johannesburg's ex-Mayor declared the cinema opened in a few well-

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chosen words, expressing his hopes for the success of the company generally and the new house in particular.

Other items in an interesting programme were the "Empire News Bulletin," the "Gau-mont Mirror," "A Drama de Luxe," which was execruciatingly funny, and some excellent phono-films.

The new hall is comfortable and airy, brightly decorated in wedg-wood blue and gold, and furnished with remarkably comfortable seats, so there is every reason to antici-pate a successful future for Kinema's latest venture.

BREVITIES

Under the distinguished patron- age of His Excellency the Governor-General and Countess Athlone, His Worship the Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor and Mrs. W. H. Port, a Leap Year Ball will be held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, 29th February, 1928. The function is being or- ganised by the Kovno Benefit Society, and the proceeds will be devoted to the Reconstruction Campaign for Jews of Eastern Europe, on whose behalf Dr. Leon Bramson is now in South Africa. This distinguished Jewish leader formerly sat in the Russian Duma for Kovno, and the Society of that name has conferred on him the privilege of life membership, and as a tribute to his remarkable ser- vices to Jewry has now undertaken to organise a function.

It is interesting to note that a Zionist Association has been started in Johannesburg, and peo- ple are wanting to know how long it will last. It is to be hoped that it will be self-supporting, as if we remember correctly it was a cer- tain generous Jewish knight who kept the last Johannesburg Asso- ciation going at a cost to his purse of £25 a month paid for the rent of the premises which they occupied at the old Balmoral Chambers.

Last Sunday there was a special Chanukah service at the Yeoville Synagogue, when the service was rendered by Rev. A. Kaminer, and the Rev. B. I. Beckman delivered an address.

On Thursday evening there was a song tea and community singing at the Guild. Although the attend- ance was not as large as would have been desired, those who were present spent a pleasant evening.

Musicians who might care to join a Jewish Orchestra, as a sec- tion of the Jewish Guild activities, are invited to send in their names and addresses to the Secretary. We understand that Signor Angelo Casiraghi has consented to act as honorary conductor, and quite a number of young men and young women have signified their inten- tion of oining.

On Thursday evening Mr. L. N. Schiff lectured to the Yiddish Literary Society on the works of the Yiddish poet, Ch. N. Bialik.

We understand that Mr. N. Kirschner, of Benoni, has joined the Executive Council of the South

African Zionist Federation. This will be a great advantage to the Zionists, as not only is Mr. Kirsch- ner a man of marked ability, but also of great eloquence; but in addition he has strong views of his own and is prepared to express his opinions without fear or favour. In Benoni he has already done much good, and his strength of character must be of advantage to the Federation.

The Benoni Jewish Cultural and Social Society recently held a concert in aid of its library fund when a number of Johannesburg Jewish artists, including Mrs. L. Japhet, went out and provided an excellent programme which was much enjoyed.

More University Anti-Semitism.

DEMONSTRATION IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA.

Students in Czecho-Slovakia Universities have now entered the lists in regard to attacks on Jew- ish students. Following the lead set by non-Jewish students in Hungary and Roumania, a violent campaign has been started in Prague against foreign Jewish students at the Czecho-Slovakian Universities in connection with the sixteenth anniversary of the Czecho-Slovakian Medical Asso- ciation. Anti-Semitic demonstra- tions have been organised, and large quantities of leaflets are being circulated urging the expulsion of all foreign Jews studying at the Czecho-Slovakian Universities. "These foreign Jews," the leaflets say, "come to our country to study at our Universities, and then they stay on and become natural- ised and take the bread out of the mouths of the Czecho-Slovakian doctors. Out with the internation- al Jews!" they conclude. "Our Universities belong only to Czecho- Slovaks!"

The movement is directed by the Czecho-Slovakian Fascists and several collisions have already taken place between the Fascist medical students and the Liberal students.

An Anti-Semitic Professor.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN.

News from Berlin states that the Minister of Education, Dr. Becker, has ordered disciplinary action to be taken against Professor Moeller who during his lectures at Berlin Uni- versity made insulting remarks about the Jews. When the Jewish students, as a protest left the lecture hall, he cried after them: "You need not come back again." The Professor said in his lectures that it was the duty of all Catholics and Protestants to exclude all Jews from the life of the German Fatherland and to have no dealings whatever with them. The Jews, he said, were vermin and in- struments of the Soviet and ought to be crushed under foot. The students sent delegates to the Rector of the University to complain against the Professor. The Democratic Press demanded that he should be dismissed from his post and that the Govern- ment should take disciplinary action against him. "We cannot allow Ber- lin University to become a second Budapest," they wrote.

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New Year Holidays, 1928.

Special One-Day Excursions have been arranged in connection with the above- mentioned holidays, as follows:—

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FARE 5/-
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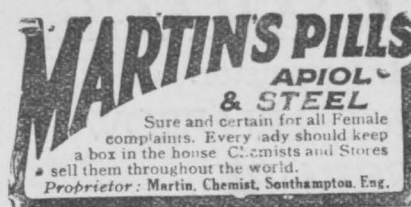
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